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Procedure Simulation Systems**

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TRANSMITTAL OF DOCUMENTS

Enclosed are the following documents:

- [x] A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and accompanying Form PTO/SB/08A and copies of 4 references;
- [x] Revocation and New Power by Assignee;
- [x] Copy of Articles of Amendment of The Articles of Incorporation of HT Medical Systems, Inc. indicating name change to Immersion Medical, Inc.;
- [x] Response to Restriction and Election of Species Requirement;
- [x] Petition for Extension of Time;
- [x] Check in the amount of \$410.00 for the Extension of Time fee; and
- [x] Return Receipt Postcard.

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), no additional fee for submission of the IDS is required. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16, 1.17, and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1283.

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND
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In the action mailed November 18, 2002, the period for response to which is extended to February 19, 2003 by the accompanying two month extension of time (February 18, 2003 falling on a day the Office was closed due to inclement weather) the Examiner requested that the Applicants elect between the following groups of claims:

Group I: Claims 85-90, 92-107, 114-115, 118-128, 131-132, 139-149, 156-165 and 171-173;

Group II: Claims 91, 108-113, 116-117, 133-138, 150-155 and 166-170; and

Group III: Claims 129-130.

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Group I, which includes claims 85-90, 92-107, 114-115, 118-128, 131-132, 139-149, 156-165 and 171-173, for prosecution on the merits.

The Examiner further requested that the Applicants elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits. The Examiner stated that Group I contains the following distinct species:

Species I: Interface Apparatus Simulator Pivoting Mechanism; and

Species II: Interface Apparatus Simulator Coupling Mechanism.

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Species I for prosecution on the merits.

At least claims 85-90, 92-95, 97, 101-106, 114, 115, 127, 128, 131, 132, 140, 141, 143-148 and 163-165 read on the elected species. Furthermore, as indicated by the Examiner, claims 85 and 87 are generic to all disclosed species.

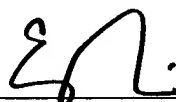
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